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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 25 such that it reads as follows:

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25. (Five Times Amended) A method of transporting containers with a marine vessel comprising the steps of:

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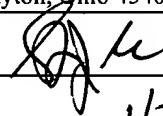
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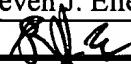
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